FISCAL NOTE

SB 6 - HB 7 FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

January 13, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires municipalities and counties to adopt, by ordinance or resolution, ethical standards for elected and appointed officials and to allow for public inspection of the adopted standards. The local government would also be required to file a copy of the standards and any amendment to the standards with the Tennessee Ethics Commission. Additionally, the Municipal and County Technical Assistance Services would be required to adopt and disseminate model standards for local governments. Any local governing body failing to adopt such standards would be subject to removal from office.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Legislation is adopted, by the General Assembly, to form a Tennessee Ethics Commission.
- Any legal work related to the drafting of such standards by a local government could be done utilizing existing resources of the local government and the Municipal and County Technical Assistance Services.
- The drafting and dissemination of model standards could be done utilizing existing resources of the Municipal and County Technical Assistance Services.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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